

# Arizona Department of Transportation North–South Corridor Study



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# Study Team Introductions

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# Presentation Outline

- Study description and objectives
- Study area
- Study elements
  - Engineering
  - Public
  - Environmental
- Study process phases
  - Current phase
  - What is to come

# Study Description

Identify and evaluate state highway alternatives and other modal options within the study area



# Study Objectives

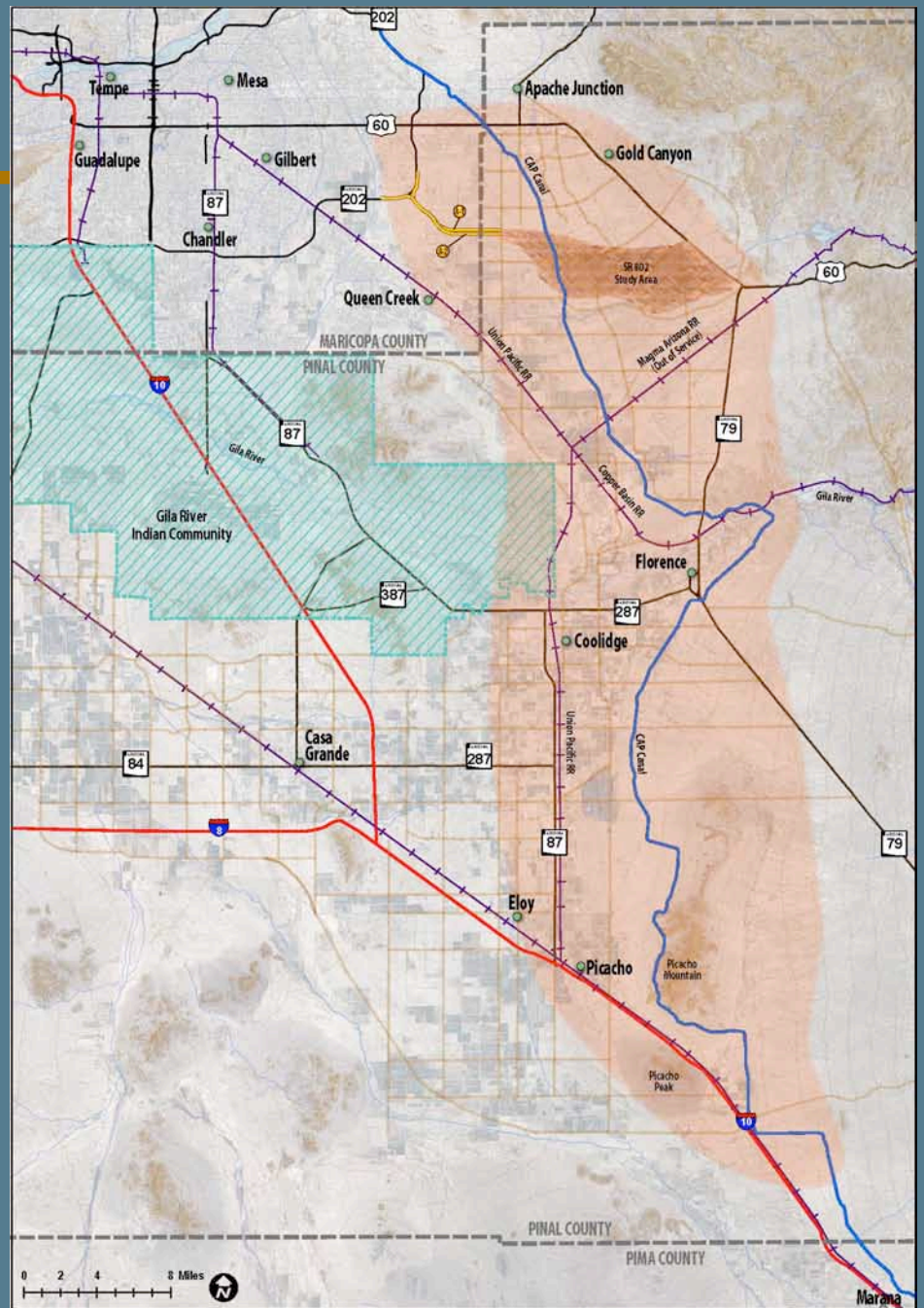
- Define need for project
- Evaluate built and natural environments
- Gather input from all stakeholders and the public
- Coordinate study with other planning initiatives in the study area
- Identify and assess solutions



# Study Area Features

- I-10 Interchange
- Picacho Fissure
- CAP Canal
- Picacho Reservoir
- Picacho Mountains
- Gila River
- Railroads
- State Route 802 Interchange
- US 60 Interchange

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# Study Elements - Engineering

- Traffic
- Development of alternatives
- Modal options (highway, transit, etc.)
- Interchanges
- Rights-of-way
- Drainage
- Implementation plan

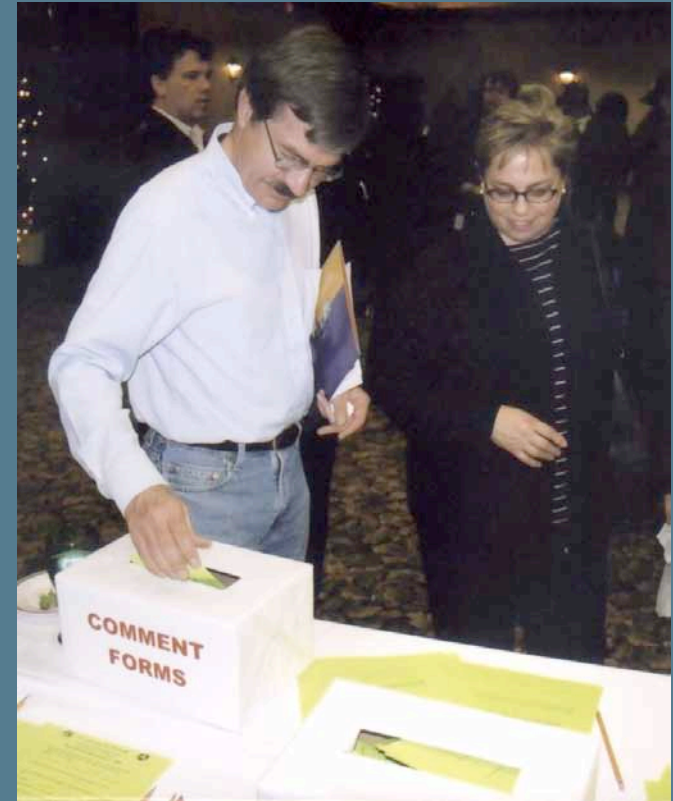
# Study Elements – Environmental

- Socioeconomic considerations
- Environmental justice
- Land use
- Water resources
- Noise
- Habitat connectivity
- Secondary and cumulative impacts
- Air quality
- Cultural resources
- Biological resources
- Visual resources
- Hazardous materials
- Public parks/recreation and historic properties
- Neighborhood considerations

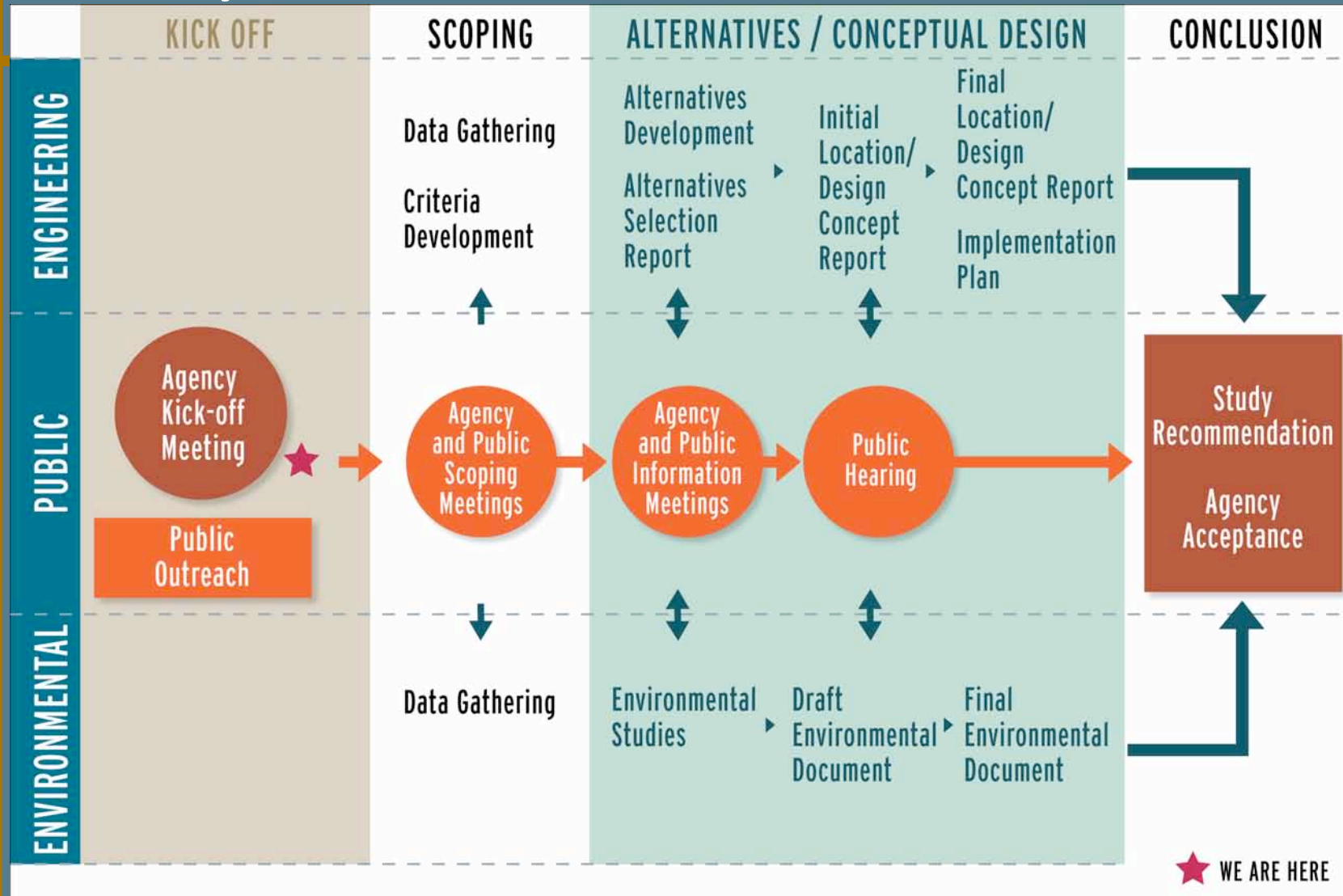


# Public Participation

- Ask questions
- Provide feedback
  - Through Web site
  - Call ADOT contact
  - Input at public meetings
- Tell us
  - What is important to you?
  - What are your concerns?
- We will respond to comments and questions



# Study Process



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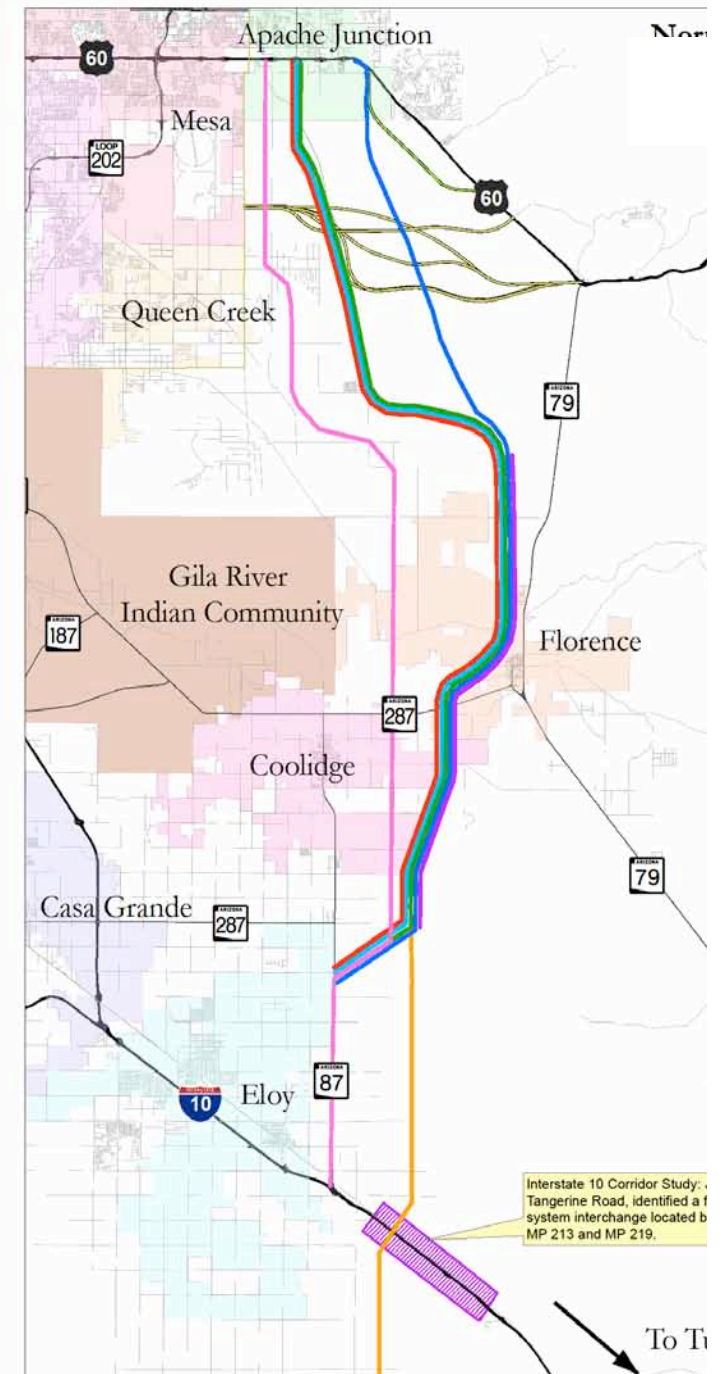


# Kick-off Phase: Work to Date

Reviewed over 10 prior studies

- Covering entire area
- Included extensive public and agency input
- Included Pinal County Comprehensive Plan, Pinal County and Southern Pinal/Northern Pima Corridor Definition Studies, among others

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# Kick-off Phase: Current Activities

- Focus on traffic modeling
  - Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG)
  - Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)
  - Preliminary results due spring 2010
- Beginning National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements
  - Outlined purpose and need criteria
  - Working to establish “need” for the project
  - Draft Notice of Intent

# Kick-off Phase: Current Activities (Continued)

- Public involvement activities
  - Develop the Public Involvement Plan
  - Initial public outreach
  - Plan for public scoping meetings



# Scoping Phase

- Scoping is the first step in the NEPA process
- It is a data-gathering phase
- Includes outreach to and involvement of stakeholders and public



# Alternatives Development and Selection Phase

- Identify and assess alternative corridors or alignments
- Focus on avoidance or mitigation of conflicts with natural resources
- Will include environmental analysis
- Will consider a no-build alternative
- Includes outreach to and involvement of stakeholders and public

# Conceptual Design Phase

- Prepare Location/Design Concept Report following the selection of Preferred Alternative(s)
- Develop right-of-way needs, implementation plan and costs
- Assess and finalize preferred action
- Prepare Preliminary Design Plans for final alignment
- Includes outreach to and involvement of stakeholders and public

# Public Contact Information

For more information or to submit comments:

- Contact Angie Brown, Public Involvement Coordinator, 520-327-6077
- Visit our Web site:  
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Thank you!

Questions and Answers

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